

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 25, 2007, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, William A. Estrella, Jr, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Marjorie J. McBride, Paul Silva, William M. O'Dell, Paul E. Brule, Diana B. Campbell, David L. Dugan, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Superintendent; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Leslie A. Neubauer, Director of Pupil Personnel Services (7:25 PM); and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ACCOLADES

The School Committee wishes to recognize the Parent Teacher Organization Officers who served our schools for 2006-2007. They are an integral part of the school community and we thank them all for their dedication and many hours of volunteer work they provide.

Byfield School - Carol Castigliero

Guiteras School - Shawn Hollands and Carrie Ann Marshall

Hugh Cole School - Jennifer Copperwheat and Tara Thibaudeau

Kickemuit Middle School - Dale Aubrey, Cynthia Henley and Debbie Richards

Mt. Hope High School - Celeste Kotuby and Kim Wetherald

Reynolds School - Susan Rancourt and Ann Marie Withers

Rockwell School - Kara Milner and Carol Anguilla

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Estrella asked to remove section F from Superintendent's Recommendation #S2007-18 Personnel from the consent vote.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride, at the request of the Chair, motioned to accept an addendum to Recommendation #2007-18. Mr. Silva seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Campbell asked to remove items VI. C. Report of the Executive Director of Literacy K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment from the consent vote.

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve the consent agenda absent Section F of Recommendation #S2007-18 and item VI. C.; Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Mr. Saviano voting no.

Dr. Mara recognized Mary Almeida who, by this action, was appointed Assistant Principal at Hugh Cole; also Rosie Boyle, who was recalled to her position in Mt. Hope Guidance. Mr. Estrella commented that not every person on the lay-off list has been recalled, as the budget is still being debated.

Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the May 29, 2007 Executive Session. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Recommendation #S2007-18, Section F

MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 1 with Mr. Saviano voting no and Mr. Estrella recused.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation #BF 2007-06: That the School Committee, upon the

recommendation of the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, and supported by the Superintendent, approve the 2007-2008 School Budget. Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mr. O'Dell announced that the July 2nd meeting is cancelled. Mr. Silva thanked Mr. O'Dell and his Subcommittee as well as Administration for all their hard work in preparing the budget; also, he expressed personal dissatisfaction with cutting some of the positions that must be cut. Mr. Estrella commented that the budget is almost \$2M less than requested and over \$3/4M had to do with personnel decreases. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 2 with Mr. Brule and Mr. Saviano opposed.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation #PCA2007-08: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JEC School Admissions and JEC-R School Admissions (First Reading, tabled on May 29, 2007)

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #PCA2007-09: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy IGBG Tutoring (Homebound Instruction) (First Reading, tabled on May 29, 2007)

Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #PCA 2007-12: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy CH Policy Implementation/Development of Regulations (First Reading)

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #PCA 2007-13: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy IGDF Fundraising (First Reading)

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. Campbell is to meet with Dr. Mara for further revisions which will be considered by the Subcommittee at their July 9 meeting and by the full Committee for the second reading on July 16. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Mrs. Campbell voting no.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

Task Force on Vendituoli Athletic Complex Plan – Mr. Estrella reported that sketches of a marble structure have been drawn up, more information will be available for the July meeting; the dedication will be at the first home football game. Mrs. McBride said the family

has asked that this not be a memorial, but a naming of the complex.

School Committee Issues List

Mr. Estrella asked each member to give him two to three items for the issues list or workshop topics. At the July meeting he and the secretary will outline the proposal for the September to December workshops. Workshops will be moved from school to school to showcase the schools and allow for school presentations to the Committee; they will begin at 6:30 PM. July and August meetings will be in the Mt. Hope cafeteria, where it is air conditioned. Starting in September, business meetings will be held in the Mt. Hope auditorium.

Dr. Mara pointed out the baby grand piano in the cafeteria. The Subcommittee had the historic artifacts of value that were in Colt moved out; the boy and girl scholar statues are in Oliver and will be evaluated and cleaned. Mrs. Campbell mentioned that the Phoenix feature “100 Years Ago” is following the construction of the Colt School. Mr. Estrella said the Colt bathrooms are inaccessible for 4th of July functions this year.

Future Workshop Agenda Items

Send all requests to Mr. Estrella or the Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2007-18: Personnel (supported by the Personnel/Contract Subcommittee)

S2007-18-A-N: CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Elementary Assistant Principal, Middle School Summer School Administrator and three Secondary English Teachers as listed below:

1. Mary N. Almeida Elementary Asst. Principal – Hugh Cole

Effective: July 1, 2007

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Operational Budget

2. Cynthia G. Sadler Summer School Administrator – Kickemuit Middle

Effective: July 9, 2007

Reason: To fill a new position

Funding: Operational Budget

3. Carrie Devine English Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year, pending receipt of certification and satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Resignation – M. Faleri)

Funding: Operational Budget (10th Step/Masters)

4. Jodi-Lee McCarthy English Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year, pending

receipt of certification and satisfactory

completion of pre-employment

requirements

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(NonRenewal – M. Cashen)

Funding: Operational Budget (1st Step/Masters)

5. Paul R. Sousa English Teacher (2/5 time) – Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year Only, pending

receipt of certification and satisfactory

completion of pre-employment

requirements

Reason: To fill a leave of absence vacancy

(LOA – M. Davis)

Funding: Operational Budget (1st Step)

B. ATTENDANCE OFFICER: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individual to the position of Attendance Officer as listed below:

1. Manuel T. Vierra Attendance Officer

Effective: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Reason: In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws Relating to Education (Ch. 16-19-3)

Funding: Operational Budget

C. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):

1. Michael Almeida Child Care Provider (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

2. Jason Santo Child Care Provider (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

3. Nicole Morreo Child Care Provider (Intern)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

4. Alexandria Teixeira Child Care Provider (Intern)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

D. ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Elementary Summer Camp contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

- 1. Elaine Skibinski Coordinator**
- 2. Maria Grace Arruda Jump Start**
- 3. Judith Dyer Jump Start**
- 4. Donna Larson Math Specialist**
- 5. Susan Antonio Teacher**
- 6. Steve Brown Teacher**

- 7. Michelle Carney Teacher**
- 8. Brian Lefcourt Teacher**
- 9. Dona Paull Teacher**
- 10. Melissa Velleca Teacher**

E. SUMMER SCHOOL/ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Summer School/Enrichment Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Course

- 1. Bethany Balzano H.S. English/Jump Start**
- 2. Jason Seals H.S. English**
- 3. Nicholas Overy H.S. Health/Physical Education**
- 4. Theresa Brodd H.S. Keyboarding**
- 5. Timothy Marum * H.S. Mathematics**
- 6. Larissa Perkins H.S. Mathematics/Jump Start**
- 7. Nicholas Hunt H.S. Mt. Hope Plus Science**
- 8. Jessica Mulvena H.S. Mt. Hope Plus**
- 9. Paula Faria H.S. Portfolio**
- 10. Laura Manchester H.S. Portfolio**
- 11. Raquel Goulart H.S. Science/Jump Start**
- 12. Laura Murgo * H.S. Science/Substitute**
- 13. Greg Arruda H.S. Social Studies**

14. Gregg Burke H.S. Social Studies/Jump Start
15. Bryan Travers H.S. Special Education
16. Brian MacDougall H.S. Substitute
17. John Castriotta H.S. Substitute (Mt. Hope Plus)
18. Deborah Kearns M.S. English/Language Arts
19. Dayna Miller M.S. English/Language Arts
20. Barbara Costa M.S. Mathematics
21. Kristina Pereira M.S. Mathematics
22. Patricia Fillipino M.S. Enrichment
23. James Hagan M.S. Enrichment
24. Kathleen Marshall M.S. Enrichment
25. Michael Urban M.S. Enrichment
26. Stephanie Wirth M.S. Enrichment
27. Debra Costa M.S. Summer School Secretary

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

F. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

1. Renee MacDougall Preschool Special Educator

- 2. Erica Peters Preschool Special Educator**
- 3. Kim Castigliero Elementary Special Educator**
- 4. Madlyn McArdle Elementary Special Educator**
- 5. Karen McCanna Elementary Special Educator**
- 6. Dawn Tavares Elementary/Middle Special Educator**
- 7. Rebecca Wingstrom Elementary/Middle Special Educator**
- 8. Elizabeth Rego Occupational Therapist Assistant**
- 9. Lindsay Ziobro * Speech Language Pathologist**
- 10. Ellen Estrella School Nurse/Teacher**
- 11. Jessica Brooks Substitute Special Educator**
- 12. Nicole Daniello Substitute Special Educator**
- 13. Joanne Siino Substitute Special Educator**
- 14. Meredith DePalma Preschool Teacher Assistant**
- 15. Corinne St. Pierre Preschool Teacher Assistant**
- 16. Cheryl Cabral Elementary Teacher Assistant**
- 17. Kathleen Lawrence Elementary/Middle Teacher Assistant**
- 18. Kimberly Cabral Secondary Teacher Assistant**

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

G. NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individuals to the non-certified staff positions listed below for the 2007-08 school year only (pending adequate Federal, State and local funding and contingent upon adequate enrollment and program

renewal):

Name Program Assignment

- 1. Alison Bielawa ABE/ESL Instructor**
- 2. Stephanie Beitler Child Care Provider**
- 3. James Bowler Child Care Provider**
- 4. Christy Brissette Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 5. Laura Brissette Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 6. Patricia Brissette ABE Instructor**
- 7. Kristina Calisto Child Care Provider**
- 8. Laura Callahan Child Care Site Coordinator/ABE Instructor**
- 9. Jennifer Cardente Child Care Provider**
- 10. Julie Cardente Child Care Provider**
- 11. Giselle Carreiro ABE/GED Aide**
- 12. Katie Cavaliere Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 13. Brittany Conley Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 14. Sarah Costa Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 15. Donna Crowell Child Care Provider**
- 16. Anthony Daponte ABE Instructor**
- 17. Ellen Darling Child Care Provider**
- 18. Virginia DePasquale Child Care Provider**
- 19. Jessica Diniz Child Care Provider**
- 20. Rosemarie Dion ABE Instructor**
- 21. Deborah Dwyer ABE Substitute Assistant**
- 22. Brenda Ferreira Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 23. Paula Gabriele Child Care Provider**

- 24. Ashly Gallagher Child Care Provider**
- 25. Tina Gallinelli Child Care Provider**
- 26. Bethanie Goncalves Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 27. Jamie Hallam Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 28. Jennifer Heroux Child Care Provider**
- 29. Nancy Keyworth Parents as Teachers Educator/GED Examiner**
- 30. Kaitlyn Lagrange Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 31. Kayla Magee Child Care Provider**
- 32. Francine Michelletti Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 33. Cassondra Monfette Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 34. N. Riley O'Connell Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 35. Ellie Oliveira Child Care Provider**
- 36. Emily Pearce-Spence Parents as Teachers Educator/GED Examiner**
- 37. Patricia Raposa Child Care Provider/ABE Substitute Assistant**
- 38. Allison Reuter Child Care Provider (Intern)**
- 39. Cynthia Roe ABE Lead Instructor**
- 40. Eugenie Sepe Parents as Teachers Educator**
- 41. Kevin Silva Child Care Provider**
- 42. Kristen Silvia Child Care Provider**
- 43. Elena Taylor-Garcia ABE/ESL Instructor**
- 44. Kathleen Twomey Parents as Teachers Educator**
- 45. Alexis Webster Child Care Site Coordinator**

H. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee

confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2007-08 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Football Asst. Coach Bryan Travers**
- 2. Gymnastics (Girls) Head Coach Melissa Gendreau**
- 3. Soccer (Boys) Head Coach Herman Mello**
- 4. Soccer (Boys) Asst. Coach Justin Teixeira**
- 5. Special Olympics Co-Coach Susan Carlson**
- 6. Special Olympics Co-Coach Wanda Lukas**
- 7. Tennis (Girls) Head Coach William Connell**
- 8. Volleyball Head Coach Brian Crea ***

HEALTHY HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER

- 9. Supervisor (Summer) Roland Rodrigues**

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

I. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following application for a certified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

1. Lauren Ascoli General Subject Matter

J. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following application for classified substitute pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CLERICAL

1. Linda M Levesque

K. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 12, 2007 as to the following listed teacher and appoint the listed teacher to the position indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

1. Lisa Almeida Secondary Foreign Language

2. Rose Boyle Secondary Guidance

3. Susan Castigliengo Elementary

4. Donna Cheatom Early Childhood

5. Nicole Galipeau Elementary Librarian

- 6. Jamie Greene Elementary Librarian**
- 7. Cindy Pires Secondary Foreign Language (Leave of Absence Vacancy)**
- 8. Mellissa Riccio Secondary Home Economics (3/5 time)**
- 9. Jason Santo Music**
- 10. Carol Schlink Secondary Drama (3/5 time)**

L. TERMINATION OF NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote of May 29, 2007 of the following listed auxiliary school personnel and appoint the listed personnel to the positions indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

- 1. Lori Acciardo Custodian**
- 2. Margaret Almeida Teacher Assistant (Pending Receipt of Certification)**
- 3. Jillian Amato Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 4. Monica Beres Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 5. Bonnie Dion Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 6. Denise Salamon Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 7. Robin Shaw Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**
- 8. Corinne St. Pierre Teacher Assistant (Part Time)**

M. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the

recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence for a Secondary English/Foreign Language Teacher and a Secondary Foreign Language Teacher as follows:

1. Marc A. Davis English/Foreign Language Teacher -

Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year

Reason: Parental leave in accordance with

Article 21, Section L2 of the Master

Agreement

2. Lisa Almeida Foreign Language Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year

Reason: Parental leave in accordance with

Article 21, Section L2 of the Master

Agreement

N. RESIGNATION: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Elaine M. Skibinski from the position of Elementary Special Education Resource Specialist as listed below:

1. Elaine M. Skibinski Elementary Special Education Resource Specialist

Effective: End of 2006-07 School Year

Reason: Retirement

S2007-18: AGENDA – PERSONNEL (ADDENDUM)

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Secondary Science Teacher and Middle School Mathematics Teacher (2/5 time) as listed below:

6. Marshall MacKenzie Science Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

(Resignation – S. Jackson)

Funding: Operational Budget (10th Step/Masters)

7. Patricia Chapman Mathematics Teacher (2/5 time) – Kickemuit Middle

Effective: For the 2007-08 School Year Only, pending receipt of certification and satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements

Reason: To fill a job share vacancy

(Job Share – L. DePasquale)

Funding: Operational Budget (10th Step)

C. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):

5. Corey Medeiros Child Care Provider (Intern)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

6. Caitlyn Milazzo Child Care Provider (Intern)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

7. Meghan Milazzo Child Care Provider (Intern)

Effective: Immediately, for the 2007-08 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

E. SUMMER SCHOOL/ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Summer School/Enrichment Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Course

28. Steven Piette M.S. Substitute

29. Robin Mello M.S. Substitute

30. Melissa Bernard M.S. Substitute

F. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2007 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

19. Paula Gabrielle Preschool Teacher Assistant

20. Linda Staudinger Preschool Teacher Assistant

21. Mary Ann Gustafson Elementary Teacher Assistant

H. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2007-08 school year only (pending certification, funding and

sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

10. Swimming Head Coach Jonathan Dell

11. Swimming Asst. Coach Rebecca Duggan

N. RESIGNATION: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Stacia M. Jackson from the position of Secondary Science Teacher as listed below:

2. Stacia M. Jackson Science Teacher – Mt. Hope High

Effective: End of 2006-07 School Year

Reason: Personal

Recommendation #S 2007-19: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind their vote of February 28, 2007 to non-renew the Byfield Principal's contract as of June 30, 2007.

Mrs. Campbell motioned to approve; Mr. Silva seconded. This action will approve a one year contract similar to those in place now; salary will be voted upon in another recommendation. Mr. Saviano

motioned to table this vote until after the vote on administrative salaries. Mr. Brule seconded. On a show of hands, the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 4 with Mr. Estrella, Mrs. McBride, Mr. Silva and Mr. Dugan voting no.

Recommendation #S 2007-20: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised 2007-2008 Student Calendar.

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve. Mr. Silva seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2007-21: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the school dentist for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve. Mr. Silva seconded. The Committee thanked Dr. Kotuby for his service to the students. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2007-22: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the school doctor for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve. Mr. Silva seconded. The Committee thanked Dr. Parker for his service to the students and school community. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S 2007-23: That the School Committee, upon the

recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for the District landscaping contract.

Mrs. McBride motioned to award the bid for the District landscaping contract to DaPonte Landscaping; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Two bids were received, one considerably lower as a gift to the schools. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Estrella publicly thanked Mr. DaPonte for his donation of a house to the Mt. Hope Home Building Project.

Recommendation #S 2007-24: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, go out to bid for architectural/engineering services for the District.

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve. Mr. Silva seconded. This is a request for professional services; it allows the Superintendent to engage someone. The motion passed unanimously.

Regents Commended Schools

Dr. Mara, with pride and pleasure, recognized three of our schools which performed significantly above the “high” ranking and were Regents Commended—Guiteras, Reynolds and Rockwell. We are one of only a few districts in the state with three commended schools. All schools will have a banner in the 4th of July parade and Mrs. McBride reminded parents to provide the children carrying the banners with plenty of water if the day is very warm.

Notification of Over-Night Field Trip to Nature's Classroom in October 2007

By policy, Dr. Mara informed the Committee of the Kickemuit students' field trip to Nature's Classroom planned for October 2007. Forty-five students will be attending; this is a five-day commitment and is voluntary on the part of the classroom teacher. Mrs. Campbell felt the experience was important for skill building, tolerance and team building and would like to extend the opportunity to every sixth grader and perhaps use parent volunteers.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (removed from the consent vote)

Executive Director of Literacy: Mrs. Campbell asked about the summer reading program. The list of books required at the Middle School is on the Kickemuit website; there are accountability activities when students return to school and students are well aware of this. Mrs. Campbell recommended that each grade level be required to read one particular book along with the other individually chosen books.

MOTION: Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. McBride, motioned to accept the report of the Director of Literacy. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:11 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr.

Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:11 PM for legal advice and discussion of administrative salary increases. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 9:04 PM

Discussed in Executive Session were the topics mentioned above.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation #PCN 2007-01: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Personnel/Contract Negotiations Subcommittee, and supported by the Superintendent, approve the Administrators' salary increases for 2007-2008.

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Dugan seconded. Mr. O'Dell commented that he is voting in favor of this recommendation because although the cost to keep talented people is bothersome, "That's the world in which we live;" he feels the administrators he knows are worth their weight in gold and he trusts the Superintendent's recommendation on the others. On a show of hands, the motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 2 with Mr. Brule and Mr. Saviano voting no.

Recommendation #S 2007-19: That the School Committee, upon the

recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind their vote of February 28, 2007 to non-renew the Byfield Principal's contract as of June 30, 2007 (tabled earlier in this meeting).

Mrs. McBride motioned to reconsider Recommendation #S 2007-19.

Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion to reconsider passed unanimously.

Mrs. McBride motioned to approve Recommendation #S 2007-19; Mr. O'Dell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. McBride, motioned to adjourn at 9:10 PM. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Secretary